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NEWS BRIEFS

Board member Hutchins dies

Dr. Henry Hutchins, 55, member of California Community Colleges Board of Governors, died on Thursday, August 27, at Hospice of Monterey Peninsula. The cause of death was not disclosed.

Hutchins had been a member of the Board of Governors since June 1986. Prior to his appointment to the 15-member board, he served on the Student Services and Special Programs and Instructional Policy committees. He also was Chair of the Budget, Finance and Legislation Committee.

Along with his position on the Board of Governors, Hutchins was the Superintendent of Mt. Pleasant School District.

Hutchins was also involved in many community activities in the Monterey area. He had held the positions of Board of Directors of the Monterey Jazz Festival, the Board of Directors for the County Anti-Poverty Council, the Board of Directors of the Children's Home Society, the Board of Directors for the Boy's Club and the Board of Directors for the Young Adults for Action.

Hutchins recieved many achievment awards, one of which was the 1978 Outstanding Achievment award from the International Supreme Council.

Hutchins is survived by his mother, Jessye Lee Timmons, his daughter, Valoree Hutchins-Batista, his brother, Cornelius Neal, and two nephews, Craig and Charles Neal, all residents of New York City.

The vacancy on the Board of Governors will be filled by a replacement to be appointed by the Governor.

CC 'freeflow' bill passed

A community college "freeflow" bill, proposed by Assemblyman Tom Hayden, was overwhelmingly passed by the State Assembly and Senate. The bill, Assembly Bill 2061, if adopted by Governor George Deukmejian, will alow students to attend the California community college of their-choice without district restrictions.

The State Assembly, on a 60-10 vote, passed the bill, resolving a lengthy debate in legislature over community college freeflow, according to a news bulletin issued by Hayden, chair of the Assembly's Subcommittee on Higher Education. On a 21-3 vote the prior week, the State Senate also gave approval to the bill.

The bill now goes to Deukmejian for final approval. This is, according to Hayden, the first time a "freeflow" bill has reached the Governor after twelve years of legislative-attempts.

"After years of debate and misunderstanding on the issue, I think we have finally achieved a balanced approach to permitting freeflow," said Hayden.

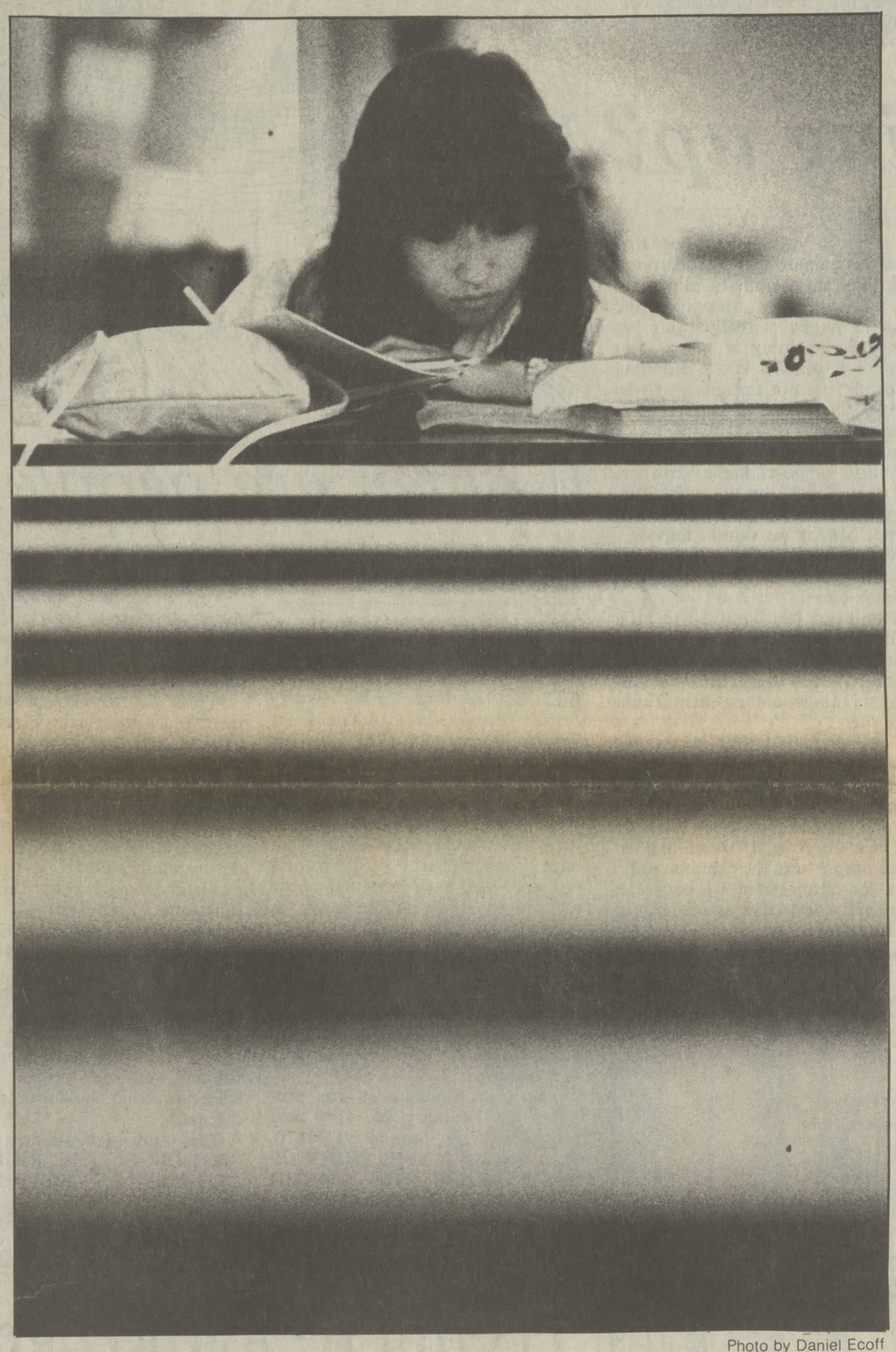
The bill would replace interdistrict attendance agreement restrictions which are currently in place. It would prohibit any community college district from placing restrictions on students' attendance.

Student Athletes awarded Wilson Scholarship

The California Association of Community Colleges Commission on Athletics anounced, Sept. 1, the winners of the 5th annual 1987 Wilson Scholarship.

Eileen M. Ebiner, of Mt. San Antonio College, and Kevin R. Curtis, of Antelope Valley College were the two recipients. Both were able to maintain a 4.0 grade point average.

Ebiner, who participates in Cross Country and Track and Field and Curtis, who participates in football, were the first recipients to achieve a straight A average, and were selected out of 1200 eligible student athletes.



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Megumi Kuroda, a first semester exchange student from Japan, gets a head start on her studies at the campus library.

3 percent decrease—

Valley drops in fall enrollment

By DEILA CORONE
Staff Writer
and DOUGLAS GINTZ
Editor In Chief

Fall enrollment declined by three percent, as of Monday, and continues to fluctuate yearly.

Although the number of students enrolled will vary as the semester progresses, enrollment has dropped by roughly 300 students in comparison to last fall's approximate 18,000 students.

"There seems to be a lot of students who took the time and trouble to fill out (enrollment) applications, but never bothered to show up," said John Barnhart, Assistant Dean of Admissions, in response to the decrease.

And although enrollment tends to fluctuate throughout the semester, an increase of any large magnitude is not expected. According to Barnhart, "Enrollment usually peaks about midway through the first week, and after that it begins to trickle in."

Valley is not the only community college facing a decrease in student enrollment. City and Pierce are also experiencing decreases, according to Barnhart. There is, however, no apparent reason for this situation.

Efforts were made over the summer by President Mary Lee to prevent low enrollment. "Dr. Lee had three or four mailings, this past summer to students who are on the data base but did not enroll. They were reminders to enroll," said Barnhart.

Despite the mailings, only about 50 percent of the students from last semester re-enrolled.

The community college budget increase this year was not an important factor in student enrollment.

"I don't think the budget increase came in time to affect enrollment," said Barnhart, "They may have allowed us to open addittional classes.

In fact, twenty new classes were added this semester, according to Dr. Edwin Young, Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Enrollment in night classes, which is usually equal to that of the daytime, was up by ten percent, which roughly corresponds to a 700 student difference.

Students, however, might be mislead about enrollment this semester because of over-crowded parking lots and long lines at the student store. Although it is true that there are less students enrolled at Valley, students are attending more classes this semester.

However, if this semester is as typical as most others, by the third week the crowds should abate and parking should become more accessable.

"There seems to be a lot of students who took the time and trouble to fill out (enrollment) applications, but never bothered to show up."

The decrease in enrollment is not expected to make an impact on Valley's funding because the college is funded according to a system based on its Weekly Student Contact Hours (WSCH). In fact, because the WSCH is reportedly up by four percent this semester, it leaves Valley in a better position in regard to funding.

The most heavily impacted disciplines, as of Monday, were English, math, and computer science.

The number of students enrolled have fluctuated yearly. For instance, in the Fall of '83 there were a reported 23,464 students, but in the Fall of '84 the number decreased to 20,314. Further more, in the Fall of '85 the number decreased to 16,284 students.

Fletcher, former Valley President, instructor and historian, dead at 72

By MICHELE SCHWARTZ
Staff Writer

Arnold C. Fletcher, former Valley professor, historian, author, and chairman of the History, humanities, law and political science departments, died Friday July 31, from a long illness, at the Medical Center of North Hollywood. He was 72.

Fletcher had lived in Sherman Oaks with his wife Fern, who is also a retired school teacher, since 1960. In addition to his wife he is survived by two sisters, Gladys Bentley and Audrey Fletcher, a niece, and a grandniece.

Fletcher founded the L.A. Community College District (LACCD) Faculty Senate, was a member of the Academic Senate, was founder and chairman of the Valley College Antheneum Lecture Series, chairman of the Certified Employees Council, and he served as Valley College faculty president from 1959-1960.

According to Shannon Stack, social sciences department chairwoman, "The AFT (American Federation of Teachers, a teachers union) is discussing a donation towards a scholarship in his name because *he was Valley College.*"

Fletcher was born in Chicago, graduated with honors from Linfield College in McMineville, Oregon, in 1936 with degrees in history and journalism and received his master's degree in 1945.

He then traveled to Afghanistan in 1946 and '47 as a correspondent for the Associated Press. He was considered an expert on Afghanistan and served as that country's educational advisor from 1948-1950.

Returning to the University of Southern California, he received a Doctorate in 1954. He authored three texts: *Living World History*, *A History of Civilization*, and *Afghanistan: Highway to Conquest*.

He taught high school for one year with the L.A. Unified School District in 1952 before joining the Valley College staff in 1953. He was chairman of the history and journalism departments from 1962-'79.

From 1970-'79 he was president of the California Federated Teachers of America, College Division. During this time he taught at several colleges in the LACCD and was partially reassigned, but he always taught a few classes at Valley.

In addition to being a very supportive and outgoing person, Fletcher was also known for his great debating skills.

Had you been a student or teacher at Valley in the early 1950's, one of your great memories would be the famous "Fletcher-Beaumont debate". Fletcher and former Valley philosophy teacher Roy Beaumont would debate in what is now Monarch Square over whether or not Shakespeare actually wrote Shakespeare.

Fletcher was a very fine debator and persuasive talker. His marvelous sense of humor also helped in his debates. No matter what would happen during the debate, he could always make light of the situation.

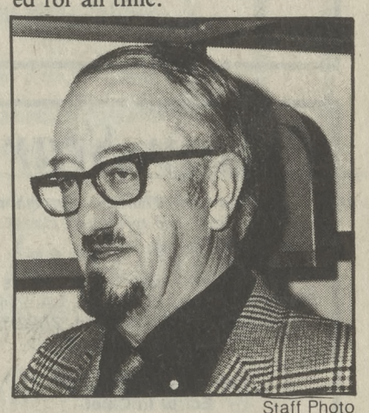
He was also known as a great storyteller. "Arnold was loved by all students because he always had some wonderful stories to tell," recalled Stack. "But all of his stories made a point."

Maryamber Villa, professor of history at Valley said, "When Arnold (Fletcher) used to substitute at UCLA he would go into a classroom and be so interesting to listen to, but he would be teaching the wrong subject material.

"But the students would not get around to asking him about it until later.

"A poll was taken once at CSUN to see if there were any Valley College faculty who had made a difference in their lives and Arnold won hands down.

"He was someone who had lived for all time."



Staff Photo

Arnold Fletcher, former Valley professor, died late July due to an undisclosed illness.

Opinion

We're looking good...

September 14 signaled a seasonal transition for those who comprise Valley's campus constituency. It was time to say goodbye to summer and welcome to the Fall of 1987. A season that offers promise and optimism to everyone at Valley College.

There are challanges to be met. But for those who except and view these challenges as opportunities, many positive factors signal a successful year ahead at Valley.

Enrollment has increased since the spring semester which will translate into increased financial support in the future for Valley.

Membership in the Associated Student Union has been brisk and enthusiastic. An active involved student body is the key to a respected, powerful student body.

The campus looks good. Classrooms and other facilities appear freshly scrubbed, waxed, polished and painted. Additionally, the grounds are clean and the flora is beautifully planted and maintained.

The Los Angeles City election, held last June, provided our Community College Board of Trustees with a new majority membership. As a result, a proposal which would have meant pay increases for the Board members was withdrawn. New members offer new direction.

Campus parking lots are jammed which indicates good classroom attendence and financial enrichment for the college from the sale of parking passes.

Lastly, the Monarchs Football team has started off the season in a positive manner with a 2 and 0 record.

The foundation is there.

With a cooperative and enthusiastic student body, faculty, administration and support staff to welcome the Fall of 1987, a success for all will be built, realized and perpetuated at Valley College.

...or are we messing up?

By SUSAN L. WOOD
Staff Writer

Has this ever happened to you?

You are between classes, walking down a hallway and suddenly you are hit by the sensation of having a dry throat. You see a drinking fountain just down the hall so you make haste to get there before someone else.

It seems like an eternity while you are walking towards the fountain but you finally reach your destination. Anticipating the cool wetness quenching your thirst, you lean over the spout. Your thirst quickly becomes nausea.

Inside the basin of the fountain are the remnants of chewed gum, cigarette butts and food so soggy that it is unrecognizable. You decide that a beverage from the refreshment stand is a better idea.

The above mentioned scene happened to me just a few days ago. Try as I might to erase the memory of it from my mind, it is impossible.

Every day that I am at school I am reminded of how sloppy some people are. It is not only the drinking fountain episode that lead me to my conclusion.

Take a good look at the parking lots, bathrooms and the areas surrounding the food stands. There is not the usual amount of litter in these places but an overabundance of it.

If we had the equipment to turn trash into fuel, Valley College would be as rich as Princeton or Yale.

What lead me to write this piece was not only my fountain experience but an observation that I made while standing at a beverage stand. There was a group of four people standing no more than three feet away from a trash can. Instead of depositing their rubbish into the bin, they dropped their containers on the ground. If exercise is such a big thing now, why not take a few extra steps to a trash can?

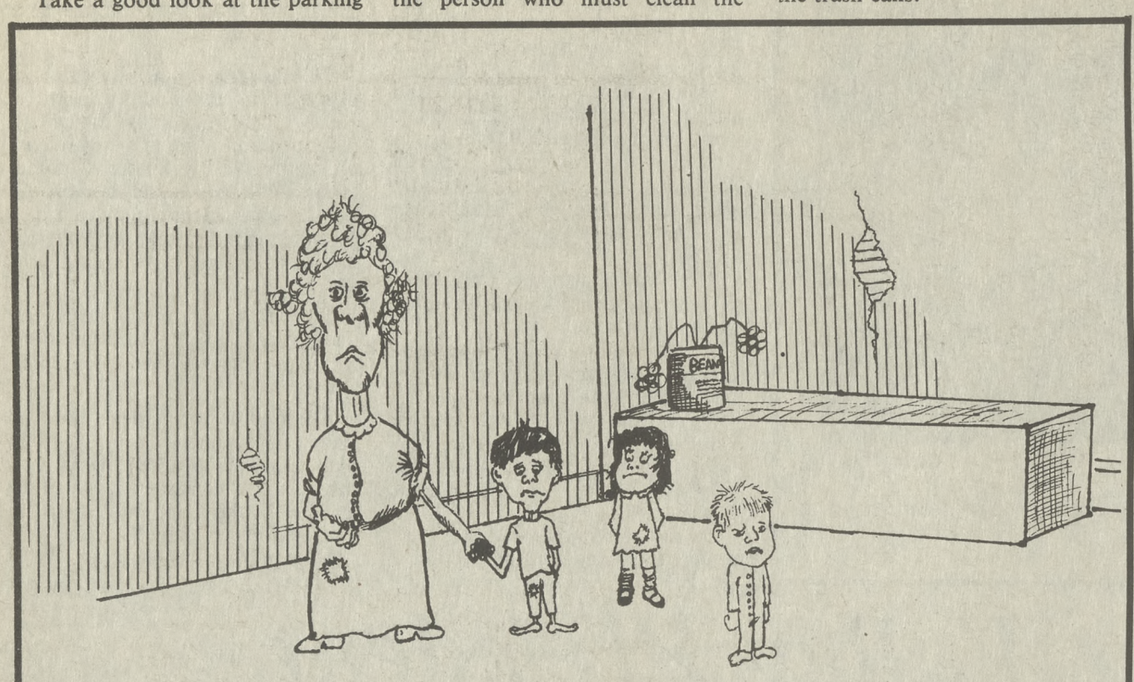
The restrooms are in a sorry state as well. I can't speak for the men's room, but the women's room is worth consideration. Is it really necessary to scribble on the walls who ones' latest infatuation is or what professor you dislike? I was under the assumption that those antics were something we did in junior high. As for the general mess some individuals leave behind, please have respect for the person who will use the restroom after you, and for the person who must clean the restroom.

I shudder when I try to visualize what some apartments or bedrooms look like that are inhabited by people who insist on dropping their trash in public. I really can't imagine people doing at home what they do at school. Is the old standard of "It's not my place so why should I care?" being applied while at school.

In the parking areas, we really have little or no choice as to where we put the trash, due to the fact that there are not any trash bins to be found. Maybe we should impose a $500 fine for littering and then use the collected funds for the purchase of trash bins.

Should we just continue to litter until the school budget is flush enough to allow a purchase of trash cans? There are conscientious students that would use them if they were there.

I am assuming that we are all adults and that we all should be able to follow a few lessons that we were taught at a younger age. Respect another persons property and do not be a litterbug. If we all applied those simple rules the campus would be a lot cleaner and we could all burn off a few calories walking to the trash cans.



When he spoke against euthanasia I understood
When he spoke against artificial fertilization I agreed
When he spoke against birth control I followed
When he spoke against abortion I obeyed
But when he spoke against poverty...lord, I couldn't help myself

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Women are people too!!!

By BARBIE LANGE
Assoc. Opinion Editor

"We the people," begins the preamble of the United States constitution, signed September 17, 1787. But the words do not identify *people*, because women could not vote until August 26, 1920, when the 19th Amendment was proclaimed.

The word *people* in the Oxford American dictionary is defined as: 1) human beings in general, 2) the person belonging to a place or forming a group, subjects or citizens of a state, 3) ordinary persons, those who have no special rank or authority.

The 14th Amendment gave the Blacks, who had been slaves, citizenship.

Citizen, defined in the same dictionary, says: 1) an inhabitant of a city, 2) a person who has full rights in a country.

The 15th Amendment was proposed on February 26, 1869 and proclaimed on March 30, 1870, says: Section 1: THE RIGHT OF *CITIZENS* OF THE UNITED STATES TO VOTE SHALL NOT BE DENIED OR ABRIDGED BY THE UNITED STATES OR BY ANY STATE ON ACCOUNT OF RACE, COLOR OR PREVIOUS CONDITION OF SERVITUDE.

This amendment meant that the states were free to set qualifications for the Black citizens to vote, and a voter could not be discriminated against because of his race.

Where did this leave women? All men and some male Blacks were citizens and could vote, but not women. They were not citizens and belonged to their fathers or husbands.

Let us not forget, however, women have been influential from the beginning of time and recorded in history, so we know their brain functions.

It was also common knowledge that women had to depend on men for their survival, and it was difficult for them to accumulate money or land. NO MONEY, NO POWER, NO VOTE!

So, according to the preamble, women were not people. If they were not people, how should they be defined?

The 19th Amendment reads: SECTION 1: THE RIGHT OF CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES TO VOTE SHALL NOT BE DENIED OR ABRIDGED BY THE UNITED STATES OR BY ANY STATE ON ACCOUNT OF *SEX*.

Shall I presume women were not people until 1920? Did women wake up on the morning of August 27, 1920 and sing "People, women now are people."

Not a fan of organized religion

I didn't care about the Pope coming to Los Angeles. I didn't even want to think about fighting the crowds to see him. I am not Catholic, anyway. Two days to go and I can go back to watching my soaps on television.

Until...I saw a young man with dark skin and a fuzzy beard play the guitar with his toes and sing to the Pope, as his shirt sleeves hung limp at his sides.

I was hooked, as I witnessed what a human body can do when the owner believes.

While I am not a fan of organized religion, I am a fan of people showing love for one another.

The pride and joy expressed by the young people at the Amphitheatre during their audience with the Pope left me with the feeling that maybe there is hope for all of us.

Pope one, non-believer zero.

Trying to avoid 'getting the axe'

By CHRISTINE ISSA
Staff Writer

They call it "getting the ax" and with good reason. Being fired for the first time really hurts. The cut is clean and final with no exceptions and your entire world, it seems, has been shattered.

I never realized how much of my identity was wrapped up in my job until I was fired, when I lost my position as a cashier at a clothes store.

I couldn't remember what I looked like. Being fired was so devastating, such a loss of face, that in a way, I actually did lose my face or at least my sense of it for a while.

Getting fired is a crisis. Compounded with the obvious financial problems, it leads to the loss of structure to your days and weeks; self expression, social relationships and sense of productivity. Most painful of all is the loss of self esteem and confidence.

Somewhere in the shards of your broken life lies opportunity, a chance to explore your mistakes and learn how to prevent them in your next job. Before the search begins, however, you must handle the powerful range of emotions that have been churned up by having so much of what you cherish yanked away.

Anger, bitterness, resentment, loneliness, sadness, fear, they're all appropriate responses, but such uncomfortable ones that you may actually convince yourself they don't exist. Denying those feelings, however, won't make them disappear.

You can acknowlege them without acting them out, feel desolate without bursting into tears, or be in a fury without kicking a cat. If you ignore them, though, they might rebel by seizing control of you at inappropriate moments.

Productivity is a seven-days-a-week concept. Don't dawdle all weekend. Those days are perfect for seeking the advice and support of your friends and making a relentless assessment of your skills and short comings. You'll find that such efforts will help clear your vision, which is vital to dodging the traps five people out of ten trip into.

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Letters should be signed and, if applicable, should include student's major and ID number. Letters may be presented in the Valley Star office, Business Journalism 114, by Monday for the following Thursday.

Dean position open

By BARBIE LANGE
Assoc. Opinion Editor

On October 2, 1987 a very important search will end.

All applications for a dean of Academic Affairs position will have been filed, and a new dean will be chosen to fill the vacancy left by Lois Lewis. Lewis, who retired this past summer, had been at Valley for 24 years.

The dean's role is as a "behind the scenes player," and "will be one of the most key people in the system," said Bob Sprague, dean of Academic Affairs since 1984.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Edwin Young, offered a more specific explanation. "He will be responsible for the college catalogs and class schedules," he said, "enabling the publications to be complete, accurate and timely.

"In this way, students will have the necessary information to make choices for their academic goals for each semester, as well as programs for future semesters."

Plans to computerize the class schedules in the fall of 1988 are being looked into by William van der Beek, professor of Computer Sciences.

"This will allow greater flexibility in the classes to be offered," said Young. He urges continuing students to register as soon as possible, so additional classes may be added, provided that funds are available. "Twenty new classes were added this semester."

One of the ways the dean will add classes will be through studying data reports such as status reports showing how many students are on the standby list during the enrollment period.

If a physical count confirms that existing classes are full, and a significant number of students are on the standby list, and classrooms are vacant, the dean can add additional classes if the budget allows.

A study of the past semester also gives the dean information concerning courses with the greatest student demand or need.

Administrative support for counselors and overseeing the ACCESS testing program are other aspects of the dean's duties.

He will be studying results from the ACCESS tests for interpretation and promotion of changes to help students with special needs, such as financial aid and study skills programs.

"This dean will be, in some ways, the lifeblood of the school regarding the ACCESS testing program," said Sprague. "The testing is the first treatment many students get when they enroll at Valley.

"A dean's job is to make it happen."

The students will probably never know the indirect role the dean will play in their A.A. degree or university transfer program, but his collaboration with the department chairs allows the faculty to implement programs that are necessary to the quality of student education.

The ability to cooperate with coworkers is an important characteristic for this position, along with a wholesome personality, stability and good judgment.

"He will communicate through administrative duties," said Young. "Lois Lewis did an outstanding job in her work, but a tremendous workload needs to be handled since she left."

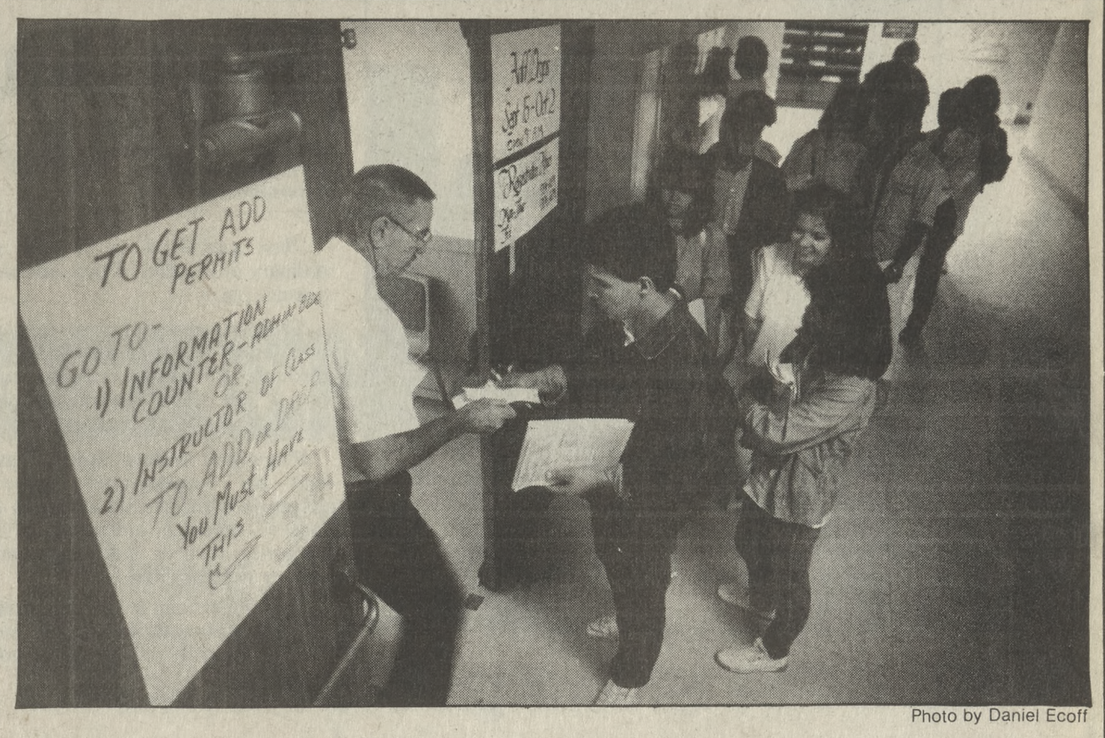

Photo by Daniel Ecoff

Students wait in line at Monarch Hall to register for this semesters classes, which were delayed due to computer problems.

News Notes

LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Library has a book sale every Friday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hardbacks range from 25 cents to $2 and paperbacks are 20 cents each or six for a dollar. In addition there is a 25 cent bargain cart of books for sale every day. Miscellaneous magazines are for sale for 5 cents each. Proceeds from the sale go towards the purchase of new books for the library.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Children of students, staff and faculty are eligible for a limited number of openings now available in the Child Development Center.

Applications are available at the Counseling Office, Administration Building, and at the Child Development Center. For further information call 781-1200 ext. 231.

SEX HELPLINE

The Los Angeles Sex Information Helpline has, for more than ten years, offered an information and referral service concerning human sexuality.

Anyone can call and ask any question about sex. All calls are confidential, and because it is funded by the L.A. Free Clinic, all calls are free.

Call (213) 653-1123 Monday -Thursday, from 3:30 to 9:30 p.m.

For those who are hearing impaired and own a TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf), call (213) 655-2165.

RTD DIRECTORY

The RTD Bus service has published a paratransit directory that contains a comprehensive listing of accessible services available on transit lines serving Los Angeles County. The 146 page brochure, broken down by city, contains detailed information about services, fares and routes.

For more details contact Greg Davy or Jim Smart at (213) 972-6323.

DRIVERS WANTED

The American Cancer Society is launching a recruitment for volunteer drivers to take cancer patients to and from medical treatments.

For more information, call the Service Department at (818) 989-5555.

RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The American Red Cross Valley District Service Center is looking for volunteers to serve in the following capacities: CPR instructors, Clerical Assistants, Switchboard Operators, and Bilingual Assistants for the Disaster "Hot Line".

Training is available for all positions. For more information call Janice Mayhew at (818) 376-1731.

INFORMATION ON EPILEPSY

The Los Angeles County Epilepsy Society (LACES) is the only organization set up specifically to serve people with epilepsy and was established in 1956 as a non-profit voluntary corporation.

LACES is supported primarily by contributions and most services are free and include: counseling, educational programs and seminars, and consultation services.

Members receive newsletters, literature and other services provided through the organization.

If you would like to become a member and/or would like more details, call LACES at (213) 382-7337.

RECRUITS SOUGHT

The L.A. County Probation Department is recruiting citizens who are concerned about reducing crime and rehabilitating offenders. Many opportunities are available in working with probation officers and helping out in the community.

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Research Volunteers
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Individuals interested in participating in this project should call Diane Kirbis, R.N. at (818) 501-7395 for further information.

Mr. Worthmore (Michael Weir) displays withering indifference to the seduction attempts of his secretary, Miss Bunson (Carole Bromley).

Play falls flat 'Now and Then'

By KAREN BROOME
Entertainment Editor

Then and Now is at best an ordinary production of two unrelated one act plays.

There are glimpses of performing brilliance scattered randomly through each skit, however the story line is not strong enough to captivate one's complete attention.

Playwright Willard Simms boasts that his contemporary comedy delves into the classic struggles of man vs. machine; individualism vs. authority; love vs. indifference and theater vs. television.

On a superficial level these claims may be substantiated, however there is little depth to the emotional exploration.

If there is common ground to compare the two acts, it would lie with the extreme characterizations.

Often the intensity of the moment is lost to the over-emphasized behavior.

The first act represents the *Now*. It is set in an employment office of a large city. Impoverished unemployed wait restlessly in a waiting room off stage as the main characters fight the mob to enter the sanctuary of the office where the drama unfolds.

Actor Michael Weir shows an amazing range and diversity in his portrayal of chief executive officer, Mr. Worthmore.

This man is cruel, unfeeling and disinterested in the needs of his client or the human race.

His indifference is so strong he doesn't even notice the sexual advances of his ravishingly attractive secretary, Miss Bunson, played by Carole Bromley.

In fact, his sole obsession is the large, pink computer known as unit L.E.S.L.I.E. Worthmore even indulges to the point of speaking baby talk to the machine and caressing it endlessly.

Most of the humor comes from Worthmore's neurotic, obsessive behavior, but there comes a point in this scenario when the character is no longer believable.

Jim Bullock was the more believable actor in both performances. In act one he portrayed Luck Luckington, an Australian born up-and-coming executive with an easy going lifestyle, who was not easily intimidated.

Act two has Bullock playing Neville Smythe, a pompous aspiring television actor. Although his performance was believable, it did at times get dull.

The second play, *Then* has this old theater has-been luring three young hopeful performers to a small house in the woods with the promise of television stardom.

Conflict begins when the youths expectations are not fulfilled. They want cameras while the old man has only experience to offer.

In this scene Bromley brings the valley girl character of Peg Lumley to life. She is bright and alive in an otherwise dull scene.

The Mainstage Theater is clean and cosy with an antique look about it. The audience, over 50, seemed to enjoy the play. Perhaps it was intended to cater to that crowd. For Information call (818) 508-0786.

Fighting through maze of life

By MARIA HAMAGAKI
Assoc. Entertainment Editor

A fist of an ex-heavyweight champion striking a punching bag starts the action of Joseph Scott Kierland's riveting two-act drama.

Minotaur is for the sports enthusiasts and those who enjoy good drama. Kierland's well-written scenes are intricate, strong, compelling and the professional cast takes full advantage.

Minotaur, named after the half-man and half-bull in Greek mythology, has labyrinthine plots and subplots.

It intricately displays the cathartic examination of an ex-champ in his preparation to regain the boxing heavyweight title.

Though *Minotaur* has a slow beginning, it soon gains momentum halfway through the first act.

The players perform on and around a boxing ring.

In some of the scenes, an announcer narrates while a small screen flashing slides reveals the ex-champs painful past.

Dialogue and slides clue an underlying theme of the sport of fishing; hooking the big one; winning or losing it.

Present and past of the ex-champ's life is performed, giving insight into the characters. But the flashbacks need better lighting effects to emphasize the transitions.

In fact, Director John Megna should give thought to using more creative lighting to tighten the staging.

The actors, when not performing, are seated around the ring as spectators. Dimming the lights can show them as shadows, creating dramatics.

An ex-basketball player, Harold Sylvester stars as Jack Moore, the ex-heavyweight champion. He moves through the maze of *Minotaur* with ease, though his pace is sometimes unvarying.

Veronica Redd plays Queen Moore, the boxers ex-wife who is still in love with Moore. Redd's performance is vibrant and dynamic, though sometimes her emotional transitions are too abrupt.

Russell Curry portrays Junior Moore, the boxer's son. Junior is an angry youth who has been shunned by his selfish father and drunkard mother.

Highlights are gripping, acrimonious scenes between father and son. Both come across marvelously.

Kevin McDermott brilliantly displays versatility with chameleon changes playing five characters.

Mary Petrie plays Franky Vander, a former socialite-groupie married to Moore's manager, superbly seduces Moore in another climactic scene.

Blackie Dammett convincingly plays Renzo Collucci, the slick leech and Moore's manager.

Jeff Weston portrays Danny Dunne, the Aussie heavyweight champion who bites the ex-champ's bait.

Jeanie Moore, the Beautiful Girl, struts seductively after each scene while holding the cards numbering the rounds.

Minotaur, presented by Camelot Artists and the L.A. Repertory Theatre, is recommended as a satisfying evening of theater.

Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. through Oct. 11 at the *Skylight Theatre*.For tickets and information call (213) 389-3200.

TV actress returns to theater

By GRACIE SHAMOSH
Staff Writer

Identical Twins From Baltimore is a brilliantly written play by Marc Mantell that is definitely worth seeing. The cast are experienced, versatile entertainers who make each character believable.

This is an entertaining musical comedy about two sisters who strive to achieve stardom. It explores the emotional price each pays to follow their dream.

The twins may have the same family name, but that's where the similarity ends.

A bizarre casting decision has Jill Undergrowth played by the accomplished black actress Sheryl Lee Ralph, who is best known for her staring roles on *It's a Living*, *Codename:Foxfire* and the daytime soap *Search for Tomorrow*.

Sheryl Lee Ralph, star of *It's a Living*, plays a cutthroat sister in *Identical Twins*.

Her sister Jane is played by Patrick Lang, a 200 pound white male, who triumphantly portrayed Big Daddy in *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* and Herr Schultz in *Cabaret*.

The sisters move to New York hoping for that big break. Jill becomes a movie star by stepping on anyone who gets in her way.

Jane, on the other hand, is devastated as she repeatedly fails professionally and socially.

Poor Jane eventually realizes that her dream to become a famous ballerina is no longer in her grasp, so she takes employment as a janitor.

Manny Gelt, played by Robert Lee Tucker, is the important agent who chooses to handle Jill's career. His previous client Hedy Harlowe, played by Kelly Britt, suffers a tragic decline in popularity resulting from the new liason.

Harlowe becomes a stripper at the club where Jane cleans. The forgotten sister is encouraged by Harlowe to try again to achieve stardom.

The ending is ironic and intriging, with an important lesson to be learned. Compromising ones character and dignity to get ahead may seem the easier root, but fate evens most debts in the end.

Identical Twins is performed at the Tiffany Theater, Thursday-Saturday at 8 p.m. and at 7:30 on Sundays until September 27. For further information call the Tiffany Theater box office at (213) 652-6165. The theater is located at 8532 Sunset Blvd. in West Hollywood.

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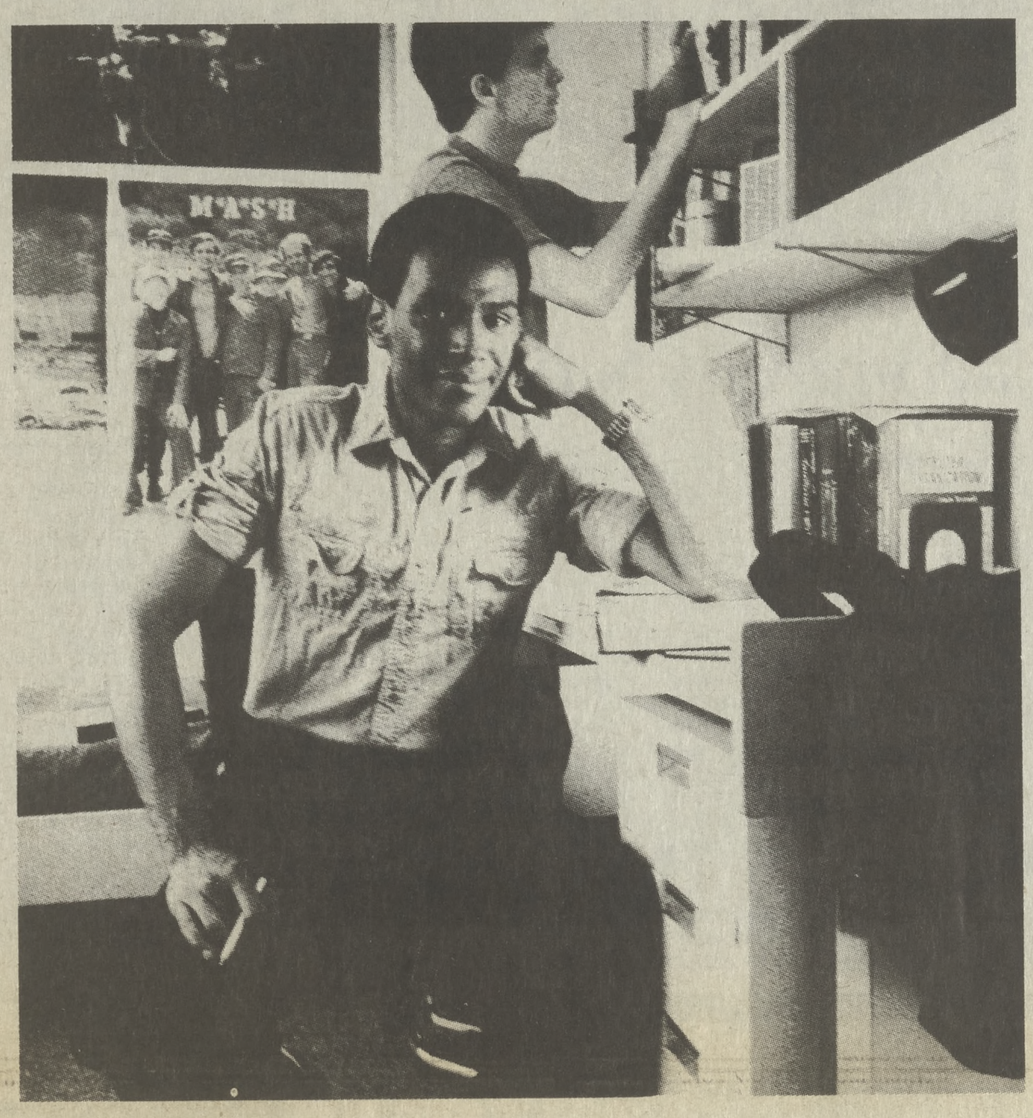

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Water polo team loses 15-11 to Santa Monica

By DAVE HARRISON
Staff Writer

Valley's water polo team (1-2), fell to Santa Monica 15-11 on Tuesday at Santa Monica.

Although both John Marshall and Josh Foster each scored three points for Valley it was not enough to overcome Santa Monica's offense, which was led by Bolge Pamgray. He led his team in offense with six goals.

Despite the team's record, they've shown much improvement according to Coach Bill Krauss.

Valley's other loss came against San Diego/Palomar on Sept. 17. They were badly defeated 22-8. They were down 13-8 by the fourth quarter. According to Krauss, they lost because their front court offense played poorly.

Their only win came against Mt. SAC. Valley won 19-15. Although it was a close game, Foster's six points helped secure the win. Valley's Arn Tretsven was credited with six saves in the game.

"I have great expectations for this year's water polo team. We have three outstanding returning sophomores who are fast 'drivers' and good shooters," said Krauss.

Last year the water polo team placed fourth in the Western States Conference. "Fortunately, we have been re-leagued into the Southern California Coference for this season," said Krauss, "We have a very good chance of Winning this conference.

Valley's toughest opponent this season, according to Krauss, should be Rio Hondo College.

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Valley's next match will be against Chaffey, tomorrow at 3 p.m., at Chaffey.

Their next home game will be against Ventura October 6.

Photo by Joe Binoya

Monarch's fullback, Brian West, gets away from a gang of tacklers, as Valley went on to defeat C.O.D. 56-16.

Monarchs win second straight

By DAVID TERRAN
Staff Writer

Twenty Valley football players received scholarships to universities around the nation last year. The tradition of talent has continued this season also, according to Monarch head football coach Chuck Ferrero.

"We have many players returning with All-State and All-Conference honors," he said. "We had more All-Conference players than any other team in the league.

"We have a lot of talent, so you can't give too much credit to the only players receiving the media attention."

Valley has been one of the hot spots in Southern California for major college recruiting in recent years. One of the highly regarded players this year is five-foot 11-inch Dondre Bausley who, at 190 pounds, is considered one of the premier running backs in the country.

His impressive ability was evident in his two touchdown, 14 carry, 183-yard rushing game last week in a 56-16 thrashing of defending conference champion College of the Desert.

Monarch Quarterback Barry Hanks, at six-feet 1-inch and 190 pounds, led the nation in passing efficiency last season. He displayed his efficiency last week by completing 13 of 15 passes for three touchdowns.

Hanks favorite target has been Moorpark College James Reaves, a 5-foot 9-inch receiver. Hanks and Reaves were teammates at El Camino Real High School.

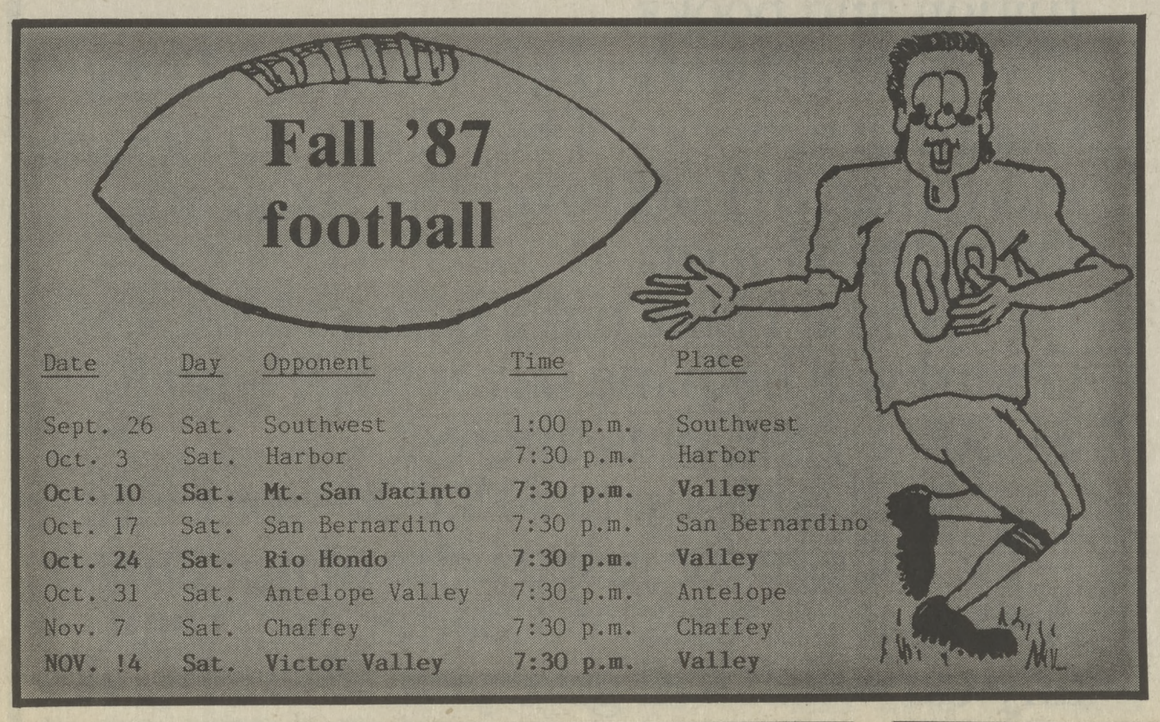
The Monarchs set a school record last week for single-game total offense with 679 yards.

Ferrero, in his eighth season at Valley, is looking for more consistency in his team this season.

"The disappointing thing about last season was getting off to a slow start with all the talent we had," he said.

The Monarch's lost their first three games last season, but bounced back to win their final six. However, due to Valley's inadvertent use of an ineligible player, the team had to forfeit four games. The result was a dismal *official* win/loss record of two and seven.

Valley opened this season with a 26-21 victory over Ventura College two weeks ago. The Monarchs (2-0) take their top-ten ranking in the state to L.A. Southwest College Saturday at 1 p.m. .



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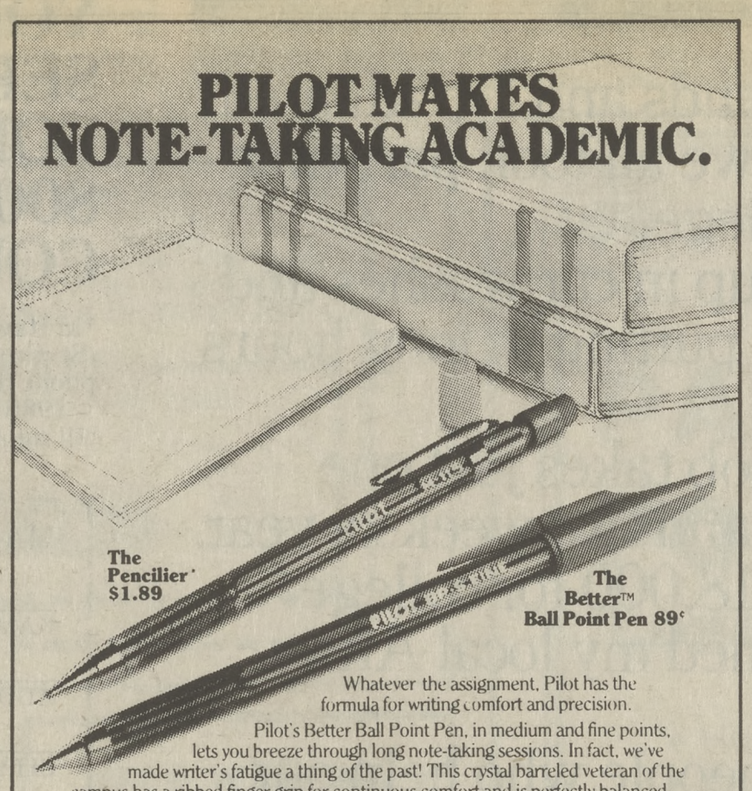

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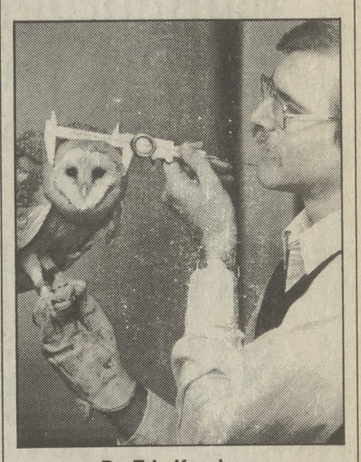

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